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## Weather

 <b>Today</b> High: 97, Low: 71 Sunny	 <b>Saturday</b> High: 94, Low: 72 Partly Cloudy
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## News Briefs

### Town Hall Meeting

There will be a Town Hall meeting at 6 p.m. Aug. 23 at the Columbus Club. The main topic being addressed is education. Other issues at CAFB, such as housing privatization, will also be addressed during the meeting. This meeting will be open to all BLAZE Team and family members. Make sure to get your questions ready, as this is your time to address issues being faced at Columbus AFB.

### Customer Service Training

This video-based program will take place Aug. 10 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. This program offers a refresher course on ideas to make your day and your customers' day better. Registration is required for attendance. This program is also available for commander calls. For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.

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### Feature 10

14th Mission Support Squadron is highlighted in this week's unit spotlight.



U.S. Air Force Photo by Airman 1st Class Danielle Powell

**Airman Yayee Thayer, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, checks the pulse of a patient during a routine check-up. The 14th Medical Group recently had a Health Services Inspection July 23 through 27. During the inspection four areas within the 14th MDG were deemed outstanding, 10 areas scored excellent and two scored satisfactory, with no areas being deemed as unsatisfactory or marginal.**

## 14th MDG brings home excellent score

### 14th Medical Group Special to Silver Wings

A nine-member team from HQ AFIA, Directorate of Medical Operations, performed a Health Services Inspection of the 14th Medical Group from July 23 to 27. In the executive summary of their report, the team stated that the 14th Medical Group provides excellent health care to the beneficiary population of the 14th Flying Training Wing, Air Education and Training Command and the Department of Defense. Beneficiaries were satisfied with both the quality of the health care provided and the services available.

The Deployment Processing and Referral Management

programs were found to be extremely robust. The 14th Medical Group's programs provided very effective oversight and ensured both first-rate customer satisfaction and uncompromised healthcare oversight of the patients and the community. Four areas were given a score of outstanding, to include: Deployment Processing, Executive Oversight, Business Management and Human Resource Management.

According to the inspection team, "The Medical Group Commander and her executive leadership team are a dynamic and cohesive group actively engaged and committed to maximizing readiness, health care availability, and

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## COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (08-07)	-2.96 days	-3.10 days	Sept 4	T-6 41st (08-06)	0.31 days	-1.31 days	Aug 10	49th (07-JB)	1.95 days	1.95 days	Aug 13	T-37	65	81	22,372
41st (08-06)	2.00 days	2.00 days	Aug 10	48th (07-13)	1.66 days	0.46 days	Aug 17					T-6	89	81	6,521
T-6 37TH (08-11)	3.18 days	3.18 days	Dec 10	50th (07-13)	0.40 days	-3.15 days	Aug 17					T-1	56	60	11,397
												T-38	60	52	11,879
												IFF	13	16	1054

Graduation speaker: Major Gen. Mike Edwards, Adjutant General of Colorado ANG.

## AETC welcomes new vice commander

**Tech. Sgt. Mike Hammond**  
Air Education and Training Command  
Public Affairs

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — The Air Education and Training Command welcomed a new senior leader this week, as Maj. Gen. Mark Welsh III stepped in as the vice commander.

A veteran of more than 31 years of service, General Welsh most recently worked in the area of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance -- where among other things he led the development of strategies to provide combatant commanders ISR operations that met warfighting requirements.

Though the "black" world of ISR operations seems vastly different from the education and training mission, General Welsh

said the parallels are clear to him.

"Both jobs involve providing our warfighting commanders and national decision makers with the best possible tools to do the very difficult things they're trying to do around the world every day," General Welsh said. "For those of us in AETC, that involves providing the world's best education and training for the world's greatest fighting force -- so when that fighting force arrives in those warfighting commanders' organizations, they are able to do the stuff that they're trying to accomplish ... which is really, really hard work in some really, really tough places."

While the general said he was fascinated by his involvement with and visibility of ongoing operations around the world every day, he emphasized that everything begins with the mission of

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## Sew it on



U.S. Air Force Photo

The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates the August enlisted promotees. Pictured are: to Master Sgt.: **James Cross**, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Georgia Conner**, 14th Mission Support Group; to Tech. Sgt.: **Neffeta Taylor**, 14th Contracting Squadron; to Staff Sgt.: **Larry Newell**, 14th CES; **Donald Lecompte**, 14th Operations Support Squadron; to Senior Airman: **Abel Pelayo**, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; to Airman: **Willie Mack Johnson**, 14th Security Forces Squadron.

## AWC Commandant visits CAFB

**Airman 1st Class Danielle Powell**  
14th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

Major Gen. Steve Miller, Commandant of the Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., was the keynote speaker for the graduation of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 07-12 July 27.

After delivering his sage words of career guidance to the newest class of Air Force

pilots, the general took his first flight in a T-6 Texan II. Immediately following his flight, the general was asked if he would come back to CAFB, General Miller said with a smile "Absolutely, make me a T-6 Instructor Pilot."

"This is a wonderful base with a wonderful community. I have really enjoyed my visit. It has been a great opportunity to

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## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, **60 BLAZE TEAM members** are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



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# Second-quarter award winners announced

## FGO of the Quarter

Major Tor Dietrichs, 50th Flying Training Squadron, is FGO of the Second Quarter for 2007.

Major Dietrichs was selected to lead the Air Education and Training Command's Balanced Scorecard initiative and Operations Readiness Inspection preparation. He identified rebuilt the ORM training program. The squadron went from 28 percent trained to 100 percent.

He also completed three operational resource management classes becoming the squadron expert.



## CGO of the Quarter

The CGO of the 2007 Second Quarter is Capt. Corey Fullmer, 14th Flying Training Wing.

Captain Fullmer acted as the Staff Judge Advocate for more than three weeks during the absence of the SJA. He was the legal advisor dedicated to Wing Commander Education Summit with Governor's Education Superintendent and local education leaders.

He was a pee-wee little league coach in West Point's kid's sports program and is involved with his church.

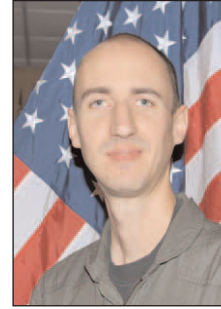


## Flight CC of the Quarter

The Flight Commander for the Second Quarter is Capt. Marc Miedziak, 14th Operations Support Squadron.

Captain Miedziak orchestrated and created Aircrew Flight Equipment flight with 28 Airmen and \$5 million in assets merged from five squadrons to one flight. He hosted Air Education and Training Command Staff Assistance Visit without any problems.

He is involved with the local Habitat for Humanity.



## IP of the Quarter

Captain John Salyer, 48th Flying Training Squadron, is the Instructor Pilot of the Second Quarter for 2007.

Captain Salyer performed as the assistant flight commander and acted as the chief of check flight for more than two months. He has more than 50 hours, 25 sorties and 12 category checks. He also administered more than 30 test for 20 IPs.

Captain Salyer was also part of the Medevac team for Ryan McCalip, sitting alert for 288 hours before the call.



## SNCO of the Quarter

The Senior NCO of the Second Quarter for 2007 is Master Sgt. John Berube, 14th Mission Support Squadron.

Sergeant Berube developed a new squadron PT policy letter and monthly workout calendar. He reconfigured the honor guard operations into a two team concept, which increased membership by 15 percent in the first two weeks.

Sergeant Berube is a key wing advisor on Lean initiatives as he has accomplished AF level one facilitator training.



## NCO of the Quarter

Technical Sgt. Joseph Edgell, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, is NCO of the 2007 Second Quarter.

Sergeant Edgell perfected a new 14th Medical Group deployment processing plan, which was successful for 59 deployers. He reviewed 92 medical profiles and trained 19 staff. He revamped the on-the-job training and created a Master Training Plan that had a 100percent pass rate.

Sergeant Edgell has been a youth softball coach. He has also given 64 hours mentoring 12 children.

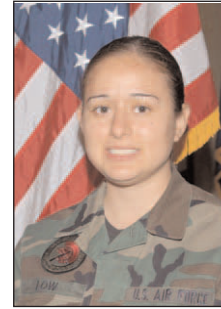


## Airman of the Quarter

The Airman of the 2007 Second Quarter is Airman 1st Class Tommie Low, 14th Medical Support Squadron.

Airman Low co-led 33 NCOs during \$3 million equipment inventory with a 100 percent accuracy. She prioritized 35 equipment buys with \$5 million which enhanced more than 4 patient care areas. She spearheaded the mammogram unit repair.

Airman Low is a member of the honor guard and has performed more than six short notice ceremonies to honor fallen servicemembers and veterans.



## Honor Guardsman of the Quarter

Airman 1st Class Matthew Terkey, 14th Comptroller Squadron, is the Honor Guardsman of the Second Quarter for 2007.

Airman Terkey has completed 11 Active Duty, retirement, veteran and color details. He volunteered to accomplish two funerals during a three-day weekend.

He volunteered for the Market Street Festival in Columbus, Miss. He is also very active within his church.



## Category I Civilian of the Quarter

Ernest Smith, 14th Mission Support Group, is the Second Quarter Category I Civilian for 2007.

Mr. Smith is the Supply Discrepancy Report program monitor and the flight rejection monitor. He performed Customer Service duties during personnel absence.

He has been a tutor for grades 3 through 5 at Lowndes County Schools. He is also a Lowndes County Sheriff's Department Auxiliary volunteer.



## Category II Civilian of the Quarter

The Second Quarter Category II Civilian for 2007 is Linc Weinrich, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Mr. Weinrich reduced fire alarms by 50 percent. He was recognized as Air Education and Training Command's Firefighter of the Year. He worked with the 14th Communications Squadron to net a new Emergency 911 address database.

Mr. Weinrich has completed a state certified emergency dispatch course.



## Category III Civilian of the Quarter

Ruth Riggs, 14th Comptroller Squadron, is the Second Quarter Category III Civilian for 2007.

Ms. Riggs managed a \$61 million aircraft maintenance program. She led a five-person team in Lean and mapping methods, saving the flight 15 hours a month.

She is a member of the Parent Teacher Advisory Council and is a mentor to youth as a Girl Scout Troop Leader.



## Volunteer of the Quarter

John Bowers is the 2007 Second Quarter Volunteer.

Mr. Bowers volunteered more than 120 hours during the quarter to the Arts and Crafts Center while working a full-time job off base. He designed and built new work station for self-framing area. He has also built new vertical stargaze systems for the frame shop.

Mr. Bowers took leave from his full-time job to assist with three SUPT graduation days. He also volunteers to help with custom framing and engraving.



## WELCOME

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AETC.

"The bottom line in this business is that Air Power, or Space Power, or Cyberspace Power -- or any other kind of power we can think of -- starts here. Everything the Air Force has accomplished, is accomplishing, and will accomplish is built on a foundation of training and education," General Welsh said. "If you look back at the heritage and history of our Air Force -- and the Army Air Corps before it -- it's a spectacular success story. So that foundation is obviously a strong one, and some incredible people built it. I think it's pretty exciting to be part of this team whose job is now to improve (the foundation) and make it even better! AETC touches every part of the Air Force -- we simply have to be good!"

The new vice commander said he considers leadership a gift given by those who follow, and that it's important to him to prove worthy of that gift. While he emphasized the importance of

joining the leadership team at AETC and learning more about his job before giving out much advice, General Welsh did stress one issue that has been important to him throughout a career touching four different decades.

"I came in the Air Force because I loved airplanes. I stayed in because I fell in love with the people. I have always believed that everyone is critically important to this mission and deserves to be treated that way," the general said. "I think that in AETC we set the standard for how people are treated for the remainder of their Air Force career. That first impression we make on everybody who comes through our initial training programs directly leads to the way they will treat people in the future. I'm really honored to be part of the team that sets the example of treating people with respect while at the same time demanding high performance standards and attention to detail. The bonus for those of us in AETC is that we know you can also have a great time doing it!"

General Welsh replaces Lt. Gen. Dennis Larsen, who retired today.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Mike Hammond

**Maj. Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, Air Education and Training Command vice commander, pauses while touring the observation deck of the historic "Taj Mahal" building housing the 12th Flying Training Wing headquarters at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, July 26. General Welsh replaces Lt. Gen. Dennis Larsen, who retired today.**

## In Focus

**Capt. John Ryan**  
41st Flying Training Squadron



**Job Title:** T-6 IP, Mitchell Flight  
**Time at Columbus AFB:** 3 years  
**Time in Service:** 4 years  
**Hometown:** Wheaton, Ill.  
**Family:** Engaged  
**Favorite Musical Artist:** Whoever is on the radio  
**Favorite Movie:** Wedding Crashers  
**Pet Peeve:** Lazy people  
**Bedside Book:** Only the TV remote and alarm clock are on the nightstand  
**Inspirations:** My dad  
**Personal Motto:** "Everything happens for a reason"

## Certain prescriptions to be discontinued by TriCare

**14th Medical Support Squadron**  
Special to Silver Wings

The Department of Defense made some significant changes to the TriCare prescription formulary June 21. These changes will directly impact all military and retail network pharmacies worldwide, as well as the TriCare mail order pharmacy.

Effective immediately, all military treatment facilities must remove (Avodart®) Dutaseride, (Tricor®) Fenofibrate, (Prevacid®) Lansoprazole and (Aciphex®) Rabeprazole from their local formularies. While these products will still be available at all retail network pharmacies and the mail order pharmacy, co-payments for these products will increase from \$9 to \$22 due to their new status.

The Columbus AFB Pharmacy regrets any inconvenience this formulary change may cause and are committed to doing the best to make this transition as smooth as

possible for patients. The patient and their provider may want to consider other formulary options. For those patients currently taking (Avodart®) Dutaseride consider taking (Proscar®) Finasteride. For patients currently taking (Tricor®) Fenofibrate consider taking (Triglide®) IDD-P Fenofibrate. And for those patients currently taking (Prevacid®) Lansoprazole or (Aciphex®) Rabeprazole consider taking (Prilosec®) Omeprazole or (Nexium®) Esomeprazole.

To give customers sufficient time to obtain a new prescription from their provider and to avoid interruption of ongoing therapy, the Columbus AFB Pharmacy will honor one additional 90-day refill request for (Avodart®) Dutaseride, (Tricor®) Fenofibrate, (Prevacid®) Lansoprazole and (Aciphex®) Rabeprazole.

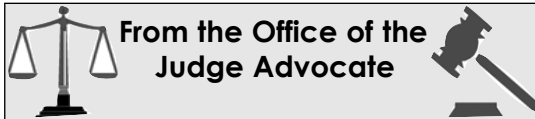
For more information, contact a pharmacy staff member at 434-2168.

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## From the Office of the Judge Advocate

In May 2007, an Airman First Class from the Mission Support Group received an Article 15 for Drinking and Driving. For this misconduct, the member received a reduction in rank to the grade of Airman, 14 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

In June 2007, an Airman from the Mission Support Group received an Article 15 for failure to obey a lawful order and making a false official statement. For this misconduct, the member received a suspended reduction in rank to the grade of Airman Basic, 30 days restriction, and a reprimand.

In July 2007, an Airman First Class from the Mission Support Group received an Article 15 for failure to obey a lawful order. For this misconduct, the member received 30 days correctional custody.

In July 2007, an Airman from the Operations Support Squadron received an Article 15 for failure to obey a lawful order and making a false official statement. For this misconduct, the member received a suspended reduction in rank to the grade of Airman Basic, 30 days correctional custody, and a reprimand.

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ensuring the 14th MDG provides superior health care to the Columbus AFB community."

In addition to the four outstanding areas, 10 areas scored excellent and two scored satisfactory. There were no areas deemed to be unsatisfactory or marginal.

Colonel Susan Hall, 14th MDG commander, was thrilled with the results. "Our personnel work hard to stay continuously ready for inspections, but we all know that a lot of blood, sweat and tears were poured into the final touch ups and record reviews. I just can't say enough how proud I am of all of them. When I arrived, we set the goal to score higher than the previous inspection. The other incredible aspect of this result is the youth of our personnel. Most are in their first duty assignment and have never been through an Inspector General inspection, so to achieve this score was just phenomenal. The few experienced folks stepped up to the plate and led their sections to excellent and outstanding scores. What an experience to carry into the rest of their careers. I am so proud of them!"

In the past year, the Air Force Medical Service transitioned away from the civilian accreditation agency, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, which traditionally inspects hospitals. Now, all ambulatory facilities, including the 14th MDG, are inspected by a civilian team from the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc. So in addition to the IG team, the MDG concurrently met their initial inspection by the three-member AAAHC team. The results of that inspection could range from a year accreditation, the highest possible score, to a variety of less desirable outcomes. Due to their inspection validation process, the final decision on accreditation will not be available from the AAAHC until the final report arrives in 45 days.

"They hit the mark and would have gone higher if our 2nd floor renovation had been completed in time for the Mental Health Clinic to move into their new space," said Col. Hall.

While the inspectors did suggest a few minor areas for improvement, they were very impressed with the 14th MDG and all said they would love to enroll their families here.

# Back to School: bus safety tips

School starts Aug. 7th and begin welcoming students back from their summer hiatus. Whether you are a parent, child, school administrator, driver or a concerned citizen, the following tips will help keep our students safe.

**1. Bus Stop.** Your child's bus stop should be in an area that is well lit, easily accessible, and away from traffic. If it is not, contact school administrators to have the stop moved. In some situations you may need to contact the school board instead. If you live in an area where there is heavy snowfall, make sure that the stop is sufficiently free of snow, ice, and related debris.

**2. Clothing.** Children should be wearing bright colored clothing, especially if waiting for the bus before sunrise or getting home after dark. Place removable reflective tape on their outer garments including on their hats and coats.

**3. Boarding.** Teach your children to only move forward to board the school bus when it has come to a complete stop and the driver opens the door. Children should line up single file as they await entrance.

**4. Seating.** Virtually all school buses do not come equipped with seatbelts, nor are seats strong enough to resist impact in the event of a crash. Teach your children to be seated at all times and facing forward. Study various brace positions to prepare for the possibility of an accident. Learn optional exit strategies including using the emergency door or windows.

**5. Exiting.** When exiting the bus, children must move far away from the vehicle to allow the driver to see that they have cleared the bus and are safely away from traffic. Instruct your children to stay away from the bus' rear wheels at all times.

**6. Awareness.** Teach your children to be aware of other traffic in the area. Do not assume that drivers will stop for them or even see them. If children must cross the street, they are to do so only with the driver directing them. Have them constantly looking both ways as they cross the street until they are safely on the other side.

Every year children die or are injured in school bus related accidents. Many die as a result of a collision involving their bus with another vehicle while others are killed or hurt as they fail to clear the area around the bus or are hit by oncoming traffic.

You can keep your child safe by raising their awareness of potential hazards while the rest of us can make school bus safety a priority by obeying the rules of the road. Let's make this school year a safe one.

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come here. I have had many dealings with different people here on base and everything has been world-class. And it looks like Columbus is a great place to live and work," said General Miller about his first experience at Columbus AFB.

As a pilot with more 2,800 flying hours in the T-37, T-38, F-15 and now the T-6, General Miller offered up a wealth of advice to future Air Force pilots. He encourages them to do their best and work their hardest while going through pilot training and throughout their military careers. "It is easy to spend time just learning how to fly, but it is also important to develop as officers. A large part of what an individual learns here is how to operate better as a team," said General Miller.

The general spoke about upcoming opportunities that are being presented at the Air War College. Currently the Air War College is reorganizing programs to seek greater effectiveness and efficiencies to deliver education. Not only is the Air War College making these changes, but also all of the officers professional development courses that are offered at Maxwell AFB.

"The great thing about education is that it is ever changing to accommodate the changing world around us," said General Miller.

This is something CAFB is fully aware of being a pilot training base. Not only is the curriculum on a steady change as the fight to win the Global War on Terror changes, but a new aircraft, the T-6, has been added to the inventory.



U.S. Air Force Photo by Airman 1st Class Danielle Powell

**Major Gen. Steve Miller, Commandant of the Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., congratulates a graduate of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 07-12 during his visit to Columbus AFB July 27.**



## The Enlisted Perspective

By CMSAF Rodney J. McKinley

Our mission requires us to be physically fit. Being fit can prove to be the deciding factor between life and death for Airmen and their fellow Wingmen when combat actions require extreme physical exertion. Airmen must constantly hone their physical abilities to withstand and overcome the demanding rigors of deployment and combat.

It's been more than three years since the current fitness program was implemented. I am pleased with the progress our Airmen have made. Physical fitness has truly become a part of our warrior ethos. Fitness facility use across the Air Force is up, and everywhere I travel I see Airmen participating in unit-led and individual physical training programs.

I applaud our Airmen who realize the importance of peak physical fitness. However, I realize there are also Airmen who are not living up to their health and fitness potential. With every Airman critical to completion of Air Force air, space and cyberspace missions; we need all Airmen physically capable of performing at the highest level.

Maintaining physical fitness and dress and appearance standards are individual responsibilities. Air Force fitness standards must be maintained, and compliance with these standards may soon be documented on Air Force performance reports. As with any area where Airmen don't meet the established standards, failure to meet physical fitness standards can result in a referral performance report.

While working to improve fitness levels, it's important to realize that passing the annual fitness test is not the Air Force fitness goal. Training to the test won't help as much as a mix of cardiovascular, muscular and flexibility training. To successfully boost fitness levels, we must all make regular exercise and a healthy lifestyle a part of our daily regimen.

The benefits of a fitter force extend beyond individual fulfillment. The Air Force spent \$3.9 billion on health care last year. By improving overall Airmen fitness levels, we can decrease these health care expenditures and keep our Airmen out of medical treatment facilities and on the job.

I encourage you to establish personal fitness goals as you participate in unit and individual-based physical training programs and provide assistance to those needing encouragement. The rewards will be obvious and beneficial to all.



*Rodney J. McKinley*  
**RODNEY J. MCKINLEY**  
Chief Master Sergeant  
of the Air Force

# Airmen recognize impact of enlisted heritage

**Master Sgt. Lee Roberts**

Air Force News Agency

**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** — More than 650 Airmen celebrated the 60th anniversary of the Air Force and 40th anniversary of the Office of the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force during the Senior Enlisted Leader Summit Heritage Dinner here July 26.

Hosted by Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley, the dinner featured a classic film highlighting the Air Force's anniversary.

The Air Force was just 20 years old when the Department of Defense issued Release No. 274-67 on April 3, 1967. Forty years later, Airmen are recognizing the impact of the news release announcing the installation of the first chief master sergeant of the Air Force.

The dinner focused on current and former chief master sergeants of the Air Force. Airmen wearing past and present uniforms performed parodies as the master of ceremonies highlighted the legacies of the 14 former chiefs before introducing Chief McKinley.

Eight former chief master sergeants attended, and Airmen couldn't resist approaching them for autographs and photographs. But none garnered more attention than the first to hold the position.

Throughout the night, Airmen approached Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Paul Wesley Airey. He received numerous standing ovations from the men and women in blue who wanted to thank the chief for his continued service that impacts them even today.

"Most of them (the chiefs) have been engaged with the Air Force all their lives," said Chief Master Sgt. Nancy Taulbee, who serves at the Pentagon as the career field manager for personnelists. "I'm not sure how old Chief Airey is, but he is still probably as relevant today as he was 40 years ago. He still knows what is going on and still can feel the pulse of the Air Force, and that's a cool thing."

Enlisted Airmen enter the Air Force through the Airey Processing Center at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, when they are issued uniforms, said Chief Master Sgt. Malcolm McVicar, director of the Air Force Enlisted Heritage Hall and master of ceremonies. There are dormitories, dining facilities and an NCO Academy at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., that bear his name.

"Chief, we the Air Force recognize your leadership and continued support over the years for all our Airmen -- past, present and future," Chief McVicar said. "We are your Airmen and we are proud of how you helped mold us into the greatest air, space and cyberspace force in the world."

Earlier in the day, Chief Airey spent time on a panel during the Senior Enlisted Leader Summit.

"Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Paul Wesley Airey is someone that each one of us will always look up to as the top enlisted Airman ever, in my opinion," Chief McKinley said. "You think about what he's gone through, from being a POW, to going all through the ranks, being a chief and first sergeant, and then being the first chief master sergeant of the Air Force. And even today, this morning, he's there mentoring chiefs in our Air Force. So he's still a great Airman."

"I can also tell you that I'm very humbled to be among all these great men, these leaders, as they've been my mentors. I've been watching them from afar. I still learn from them every day," Chief McKinley said of the former chief master sergeants of the Air Force. "And it's truly an honor to call each one of them friends. They're truly a great group of people to be around. They are great Americans and great Airmen."

Finally, focusing on Air Force enlisted heritage, Chief McKinley challenged Airmen to embrace it.

"I'd like to see heritage extend to the walls of every squadron, the walls of every dormitory, the walls of every enlisted club, to show our enlisted heritage throughout every base," the chief said.



U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Lee Roberts

**The first Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Paul Wesley Airey gets a standing ovation during the Senior Enlisted Leaders Conference Heritage Dinner July 26 in Montgomery, Ala.**



## Gulf War I

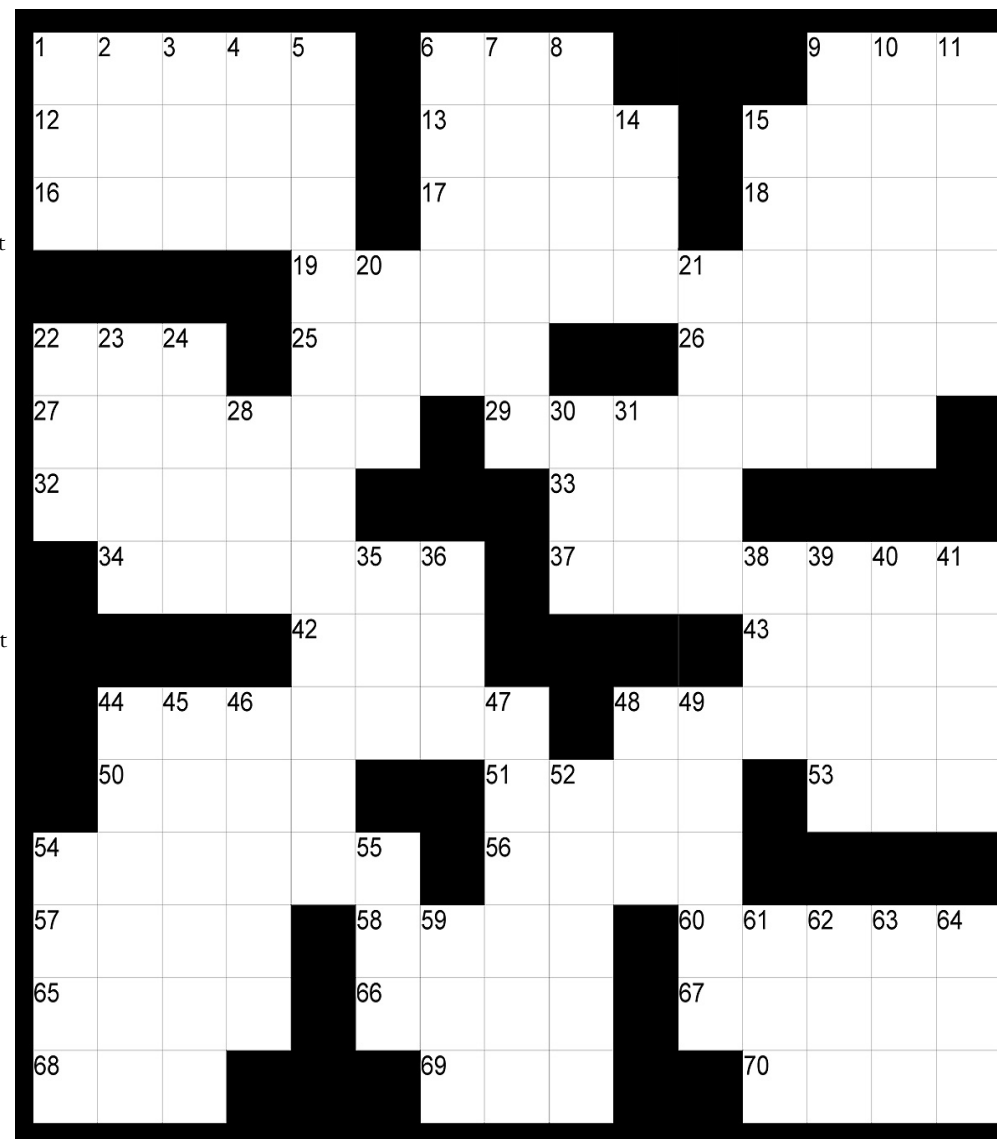
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### ACROSS

1. Crests
6. Kitchen measurement, in brief
9. Hogwash
12. Country home to Osan and Kunsan ABs
13. State home to Wright-Patterson AFB
15. \_\_\_ LePew
16. Goodbye
17. Cambodian currency
18. On a ship
19. Operation \_\_\_\_; moniker for Gulf War I
22. Faint
25. American \_\_\_\_
26. Titan condemned to support the sky on his shoulders
27. Stadiums
29. Newspapers issued each day
32. Excessive excitement or enthusiasm; craze
33. Drunkard
34. Units of liquid measure equal to one fourth of a gallon
37. Leader of 23 DOWN
42. Motor club, informally
43. Baked or fried bread usually made of cornmeal
44. Fall or flow in drops or small quantities; trickle

48. A farm, with its farmhouse and nearby buildings
  50. Princess or queen in India
  51. Emphatic form of no
  53. Dejected
  54. Tumult
  56. Scottish gal
  57. Southwest \_\_\_\_; AOR identifier for Gulf War I
  58. Date of a person's death in a newspaper
  60. F-15; Langley planes established first CAP for Desert Shield
  65. Do as \_\_\_\_; not as I do
  66. POTUS during Gulf War I
- ### DOWN
1. Alias ID
  2. Cape \_\_\_\_
  3. Noninvasive diagnostic procedure to get detailed body images
  4. Shoe size
  5. Country host to Coalition Forces for 7 DOWN
  6. Trunk of the human body
  7. Operation Desert \_\_\_\_; US build up to protect 5 DOWN
  8. Berth
  9. Put a new bottom on a shoe
  10. Extended dramatic compositions that are usually sung
  11. Leagues
  14. East central Romanian

- river
15. Singer LaBelle
20. Sullivan and Harris
21. Epsom and table
22. Beaver's home
23. Opponent in 19 ACROSS
24. List of the dishes served at a meal; bill of fare
28. Actress Peeples
30. Burn residue
31. Debt letters
35. Bar bill
36. Actor Mineo
38. Health resort
39. Long times
40. Benson actress Swenson
41. Desire
44. Stylish
45. Tire
46. To decorate with layers set in an item's surface
47. Join up
48. Tool showcased during Gulf War I, in short
49. Clear
52. Vows
54. Actor Scott
55. Horde
59. School transport
61. Limb
62. Interjection used as a command to a horse to go right
63. \_\_\_ Vegas
64. Seventh letter of the Greek alphabet



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# Services providing end of summer programming

## FitFactor contests

This summer youth are invited to enter two FitFactor contests: an essay contest and a photography contest. Participants can help their base to win \$1,000 for each contest to support youth programs at Columbus AFB. The essay contests ask participants to write an essay on "How has FitFactor changed my habits?" The photography contest encourages participants to photograph FitFactor in action. The top ten entries, Air Force wide, in the essay contest and photography contest will receive \$1,000 for their base youth programs. Deadline for entries in both contests is Aug. 15 to the youth center. For more information, call 434-2504.

## Closed bid sale

Outdoor Recreation is conducting a closed bid sale on a pool Table, \$1,599, a shuffleboard, \$300, and an air hockey game, \$300. These items can be viewed at the Services Complex. Minimum bids are in parenthesis. Sealed bid forms may be picked up at Outdoor Recreation and bids must be turned in from Aug. 1 to Aug. 17. For more information, call 434-2505.

## Parents day out

The Child Development Center and Youth Center offer this program Aug. 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$3 per hour per child. Register by Aug. 15 at the respective activity. A \$5 deposit is required when registering. For more information, call 434-2479 for the Child Development Center and 434-2504 for the Youth Center.

## Camper set-up and use classes

Look and learn about the new campers available at outdoor recreation at 5 p.m. Aug. 14, Aug. 21 and Aug. 28 or at noon Aug. 18 and Aug. 25. It takes about one hour and the class is free. All attendees receive a 10 percent discount on any new camper rental. For more information, or to sign up for one of these classes, call 434-2505.

## September sweetheart gourmet dinner

There are only 25 reservations available for couples for this gourmet dinner scheduled to start at 6 p.m. Sept. 12. Cost is \$60 per couple for club members or \$70 for nonmembers. The menu includes a prosciutto wrapped jumbo shrimp over a

bed of wilted spinach nested atop a pool of brandy cream sauce as the appetizer, the salad includes tossed garden greens with fresh strawberries, caramelized walnuts and wontons with a flavorful house-made red wine vinaigrette, the soup is Charleston crab soup with lump blue crab meat in a succulent sherry cream sauce, a lemon sorbet is the intermezzo, the entree is hand-carved prime rib au jus paired with Alaskan wild caught snow crab served with crisp pommes dauphine and fresh smoked bacon-wrapped asparagus. A raspberry white chocolate cream brulee is the dessert. For more information or reservations, call 434-2490.

## Monte Carlo night

The Columbus Club offers this night of food and games Aug. 25 featuring a prime rib buffet and Texas holdem. Cost is \$15 for club members and \$25 for nonmembers and includes the prime rib buffet and \$1,000 in chips. At the end of the night, there will be a blind auction for prizes with the grand prize being a Playstation 3 game system, a \$499 value. The buffet is served from 6 to 8 p.m., games are from 7 to 10 p.m. and include Texas Hold'em, black jack, 7-card stud and craps. The lounge opens from 6 to 11 p.m. and the blind auction begins at 10 p.m. For more information, call 434-2490.

## Volksmarch

Register by Sept. 1 for the annual 10 kilometer volksmarch scheduled for Sept. 29. This is a non-sanctioned event but all participants will receive pins if registered by the deadline at outdoor recreation. For more information, call 434-2505.

## Preschool story time

The base library offers a preschool story time starting at 10 a.m. Wednesdays beginning Sept. 12 for all preschoolers, ages 3 to 5. For more information, call 434-2934.

## Strings class

The Family Member Program Flight offers a Strings class for children, ages 8 and older. This class will be taught by Mrs. Denise Burcham who has a degree in Violin Performance from Baylor University and Masters Studies in Music Education from University South Carolina. Mrs. Burcham is interested in providing services for Violin, Viola, Cello and Bass. The classes would follow the current school year. If interested please

contact Kat Savage at 434-2316 or Katherine.savage@columbus.af.mil.

## Camping class

Learn to pitch a tent, how to set up a campsite, understand "leave no trace" and the basics of packing a backpack in this free class offered at 5 p.m. Sept. 11 or 18. Participants receive a 10-percent discount on any camping equipment rental. You must register and attend the class to qualify for the discount. For more information, call 434-2505.

## New Orleans Saints football games

The Information, Ticket and Travel office offers three overnight trips to New Orleans to attend a New Orleans Saints football game. Tours are \$200 per person and includes all transportation, two nights, double occupancy lodging, game tickets and shuttle services. Games are Oct. 5 to 7 against Carolina, Oct. 19 to 21 against Atlanta and Dec. 21 to 23 against Philadelphia. Game tickets only can be purchased for \$30 to \$40 depending on seating for all home games to include exhibition games. For more information, call 434-2505.

## Massage therapy

The fitness center offers massage therapy by appointment only. Cost is \$30 for

30 minutes, \$50 for 60 minutes and \$75 for 90 minutes. For more information or to make an appointment, call 251-3058.

## Pool party reservations

The base swimming pool is available for pool parties in the evenings starting at 7:30 p.m. and ending no later than midnight. A deposit of \$25 is required when making a reservation. This deposit is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours of party. Cost is \$75 for Friday, Saturday or Sunday and \$60 for Monday through Thursday night parties. For more information, call 434-2507.

## Adult and youth crafts classes

The arts and crafts center offers adult classes Tuesdays and youth classes Wednesdays. Upcoming adult classes include a welcome sign for garden or gate, a cherry napkin holder and switchplate, a kitchen message center, an autumn wood sign, LeRoy the scarecrow, a harvest door crown and a ghostie the yard decoration.

Youth classes include making an ice cream mobile, a memo and photo board, a fish switch plate, a photo frame, a fall pumpkin garland, a wood block pumpkin and a fall door sign.

A display of all projects is available in the center's lobby. For more information, call 434- 7836.

## Lunchtime take out orders available at the Club

**Monday though Thursday**

**Call in starts at 10:30 a.m. pick up 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Club members receive a \$1 Discount**

Cheese Pizza .....	\$5.00
Pepperoni Pizza .....	\$5.50
Three Meat Pizza (pepperoni, sausage and hamburger) .....	\$6.50
Deluxe Pizza (three meats, peppers, onions and olives) .....	\$6.50
Philly cheese steak with fries .....	\$6.95
Hot roast beef & Swiss sandwich on an onion roll with fries .....	\$6.95
Chef Salad .....	\$6.95
Happy Burger with Fries .....	\$6.95
Taco Salad .....	\$6.95
Daily Blue Plate Specials with rolls .....	\$6.25

**Monday** - meat loaf, rice & gravy & chef's vegetables.

**Tuesday** - schnitzel with yager sauce, German potato salad and chef's vegetables.

**Wednesday** - chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and country gravy and chef's vegetables.

**Thursday** - barbecue pulled pork, corn on the cob and slaw.

**Call 434-2419 to place an order.**



# 14th Mission Support Squadron



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The Airman and Family Readiness Center staff,(front row) Master Sgt. Jamey Coleman, Patsy Wood, (back row) Sharon Nichols, Shirley Pinckney and Mark Horning interact with special friends, Santa and Mrs. Clause, during the holiday season.



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Airman 1st Class Siddharth Sunny, and R.J. Childers look over paperwork in the Career Enhancement division of the 14th Mission Support Squadron.

## Unit mission:

To deliver 24/7 Personnel policy, guidance and information, which enables global access to the Total Force

## Key Leaders:

**Commander:** Major Andrea Justice  
**Superintendent:** Senior Master Sgt. James McCarty  
**First Sergeant:** Master Sgt. Kevin Alexander

## Personnel numbers:

Military - 33  
Civil service - 18  
Buildings - 3

## Squadron functions:

The 14th Mission Support Squadron supports the training mission of the 14th Flying Training Wing by providing various services through its individual flights. The Commander's Support Staff provides personnel accountability programs to support local mission and higher headquarters' taskings.

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## Unique aspects of the unit:

The 14th MSS has a dual mission. They support Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training students and deploying personnel

## Upcoming Challenges:

The 14th Mission Support Squadron is facing consolidation with the 14th Services Division.The merger is supposed to take place in 2008.

They are also re-competition for Base Operating Support Military Equal Opportunity.

They currently have dual civilian personnel sys-

tems. Civilian Classification is going to Air Force Manpower Agency. There are numerous organizational transformations simultaneously.

## Senior leader comments:

The MPF successfully deployed 63 wing personnel to more than 11 countries with zero discrepancies. The MPF flight personnel continue their winning ways, a Senior Non-Commissioned Officer selected as the Lance P. Sijan Award wing winner and will represent the 14th FTW at 19th Air Force competition.

They continue to provide compassionate care and assistance in action, as casualty representatives provided support to two active duty Air Force families lived the motto "Air Force takes care of their own!"

They completed 130 enlisted testing cycle with zero compromises and simultaneously coordinated the release of two officer promotion boards and two enlisted promotion releases.

The MOF stood-up Intro to Fighter Fundamentals unit, the 49th Fighter Training Squadron, and built and validated 89 authorizations six months ahead of schedule.

They completed the NAFI MOA converting library and gym to NAF employees, annual savings to the wing \$105,000. They submitted FASCAP Project request for two positions lost under PBD 720 redux, recouping over \$100,000 to modernize and ease the wing CSS functional merge through equipment upgrade

The A&FRC spearheaded three "Hearts Apart" socials for more than 75 family members of deployees. They also reengineered "PDF JR" program, which they combined with monthly Hearts Apart, 23 attended, saving more than 100 man hours.

They also streamlined the Heart Link program, which cut the manhours by 80 percent. They identified shady debt settlement company and forwarded to Mississippi Attorney General, the company was banned from the state.

They hosted the National Volunteer Appreciation program, and netted four Volunteer Excellence awards presented. They partnered with local community college to have six no-cost classes offered to 55 participants. They also co-sponsored base "Welcome Home Celebration" which recognized 12 past deployed members and their families.

The Education office issued over \$143,000 in tuition assistance for over 155 military students.They also collaborated with East Mississippi Community College to provide on-base day and evening classes to over 250 military and civilian students.

They conducted Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony. The number of graduates increased from 33 in 2006 to 55 for 2007. They also administered college-level testing program which produced savings in tuition assistance of over \$7,000.

The Education Office also implemented web-based Defense Language Proficiency Testing program, where tests are scored immediately.



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Technical Sgt. Marsha Bass and Airman 1st Class Desmond Boyd help bag cookies for the Cookie Drive in December. This annual event takes place around the holidays and provides dorm residents with homemade cookies.



## Chapel Schedule

### Protestant

Sunday:  
9 a.m. - Adult Bible Study  
10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship  
Service (Children's Church)

*All are invited to a fellowship dinner  
following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth  
Sunday of each month*

Wednesday:  
5:30 p.m. - Bible Study and dinner

### Catholic

Sunday:  
4:30 p.m. - Confession  
5:30 p.m. - Mass

## Airman and Family Readiness Center

*(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the  
Airman & Family Readiness Center unless  
otherwise specified. For more information  
about any of the activities listed, call  
434-2790.)*

### Medical Coding Class

The Medical Coding Class will begin Aug. 13 from 6 to 9 p.m. This class is taught by the East Mississippi Community College Work Force Development. Participants will not receive college credit; however, they will receive a certificate that shows 24 hours of training have been received. Class is held every Monday for eight weeks. This is open to active duty, family members, retirees, civil service and contractors. A workbook must be purchased from EMCC for \$60. Limited seating so be sure to register. For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2839 or 434-2790.

### Pre-Deployment/Remote Tour Briefs

Military personnel going remote or being deployed must attend a mandatory briefing held daily at 9 a.m. For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.

### New Spouse Welcome Binders

A special binder packed full of information for spouses of active duty personnel. Binders are available by stopping in at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Pick up this valuable binder for military life and

local area information. Then sign up for the Heart Link Lunch Social on July 25 to meet other spouses, get answers to your questions and a chance to win great door prizes. For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.

### Smooth move

A workshop for relocating families is from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday. Participants will learn what to expect from the travel management office, housing, military pay, legal, billeting, Tricare and the family support center. For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center and 434-2790.

### Local Employment Workshop

Are you looking for employment? Every Wednesday at 1 p.m. attend this workshop for information not only on possible job opportunities, but info on creating great resumes, cover letters and interviewing techniques. Bring along your resume if you would like to have it reviewed. For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2839.

### Fam-Link "What's Happening"

Looking for something to do in the area—on or off base? Sign up for the Airman and Family Readiness Flight electronic newsletter. Events include: plays, concerts, flea markets, sports, seminars, wellness classes, festivals and craft classes. To sign up, send an e-mail to AFRC@columbus.af.mil and ask to be added to the list. This newsletter provides great information to help you explore and enjoy your tour here at AFB. For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2631.

## Base News

### CAFB Chapel Programs

Volunteers are needed for our Wednesday evening children's program Pioneer Club. Bible Studies for adults and a youth class, grades 8 through 12, will be offered as well. We are also looking for volunteers to help out in our Wee Celebrate Room for youth up to 2 years old. If you would like to get involved with this children's program please call the chapel and speak with Ida Hall 434-2500.

### Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts have just arrived to Columbus AFB. To sign up or for more

information, call Staff Sgt. Tarja Hines at 425-3831.

### Supply Customers

If a special piece of equipment or furniture is needed for an office, contact the Inspection Section of Base Supply. Inspection maintains the Last Look Area, which has used equipment and furniture turned in from other organizations that no longer have a need for the items. All items in the Last Look Area are available without charge to your organization. For more information, call the Inspection Section at 434-7233 or 434-7234.

### Pentagon Channel

CAFB personnel can view the Pentagon Channel on Channel 64. For more information, call 434-7068.

### Thrift Shop Hours

The Thrift Shop will be open only on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the month of July. The Thrift Shop will be closed the first week in July.

### Montgomery GI Bill Kicker

Montgomery GI Bill contingency I enrollees are eligible to contribute an additional \$600 to increase their total MGIB benefit by \$5,400. The \$600 can be deducted from your paycheck in installments or all at once. The Education Office can help you sign up for

the MGIB kicker before leaving active duty. For more information, call the Education Office at 434-2562 or visit [www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH30/CH30\\_Pamphlet.pdf](http://www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH30/CH30_Pamphlet.pdf).

### AU-ABC Program Launched

The new AU-ABC program has been launched. Students may learn more about AU-ABC by logging onto the Air Force Virtual Education Center, located under the "Top Viewed: Career" on the Air Force Portal. Once into AFVEC there will be a link to AU-ABC on the left. Students apply online and work all issues through the academic institution.

### SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK

(Current weeks puzzle on page 7)



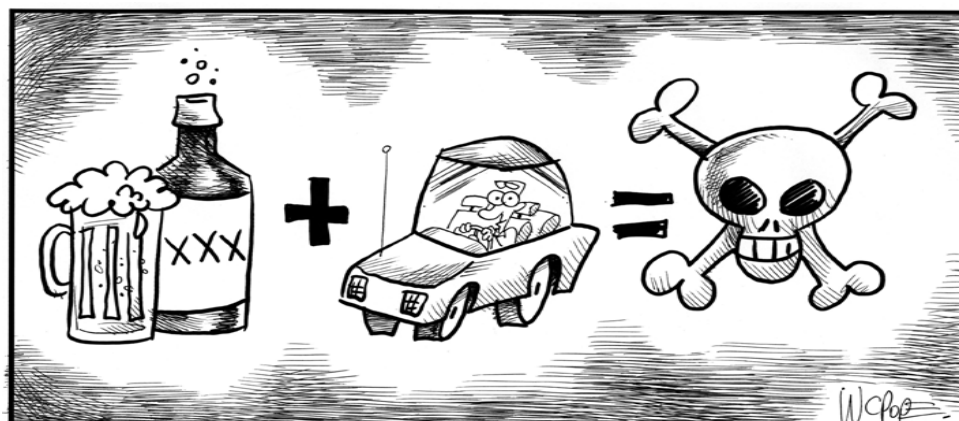
## New commissary hours

*To better serve our customers the commissary hours of operation will change on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. Currently on Sunday, we are open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will open from 12 to 6 p.m. on Sunday. The hours on Tuesday and Thursday will be from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. These changes will become effective Aug. 12.*

*For more information, call 434-7109.*

**New hours of operation:**

Sunday: 12 to 6 p.m.  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Thursday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Friday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Saturday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.





**Strategic National Stockpile Volunteer Training:** The Strategic National Stockpile volunteer training will take place Aug. 11 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the education room at the Okitibbeha County Hospital, Starkville, Miss. Lunch will be provided during the training. The SNS is the stockpiles of supplies and medicines that are requested from the federal government in times of disaster. This was utilized during Hurricane Katrina and many hospitals and clinics received supplies and medicines. For more information, call Meagan Coughlin at (662) 327-0807 or email her at [volunteercenter@cableone.net](mailto:volunteercenter@cableone.net).

**Exhibit on display:** The Columbus War Museum is partnering with the Columbus-Lowndes Public Library to exhibit artifacts and memorabilia from the museum's holdings. The exhibit features items donated by local servicemen and women and their families and documents

American foreign wars from WWII to the present. Included in the exhibit will be a history of the Columbus AFB and a slideshow of photos of the December 7, 1941, Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. On display will be the uniform and medals of Lt. Col. R.S. Armstrong, who served in the U.S. Army in the European Theatre during WWII, the uniform and medals of General Shield Sims, a B-24 pilot in the China-Burma-India Theatre during WWII, and the medals of Harold J. Johnson, a U.S. Navy seaman who was present at the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in 1942. At the ceremony, veterans will have the opportunity to document their experiences on video tape, which will be deposited with the museum. The taping of veterans will continue to be available in the library's conference room on the following July 24, Aug. 7 and 21 from 3 to 5 p.m. For more information on the museum contact Wayne White at (205) 662-4129.

**Hurricane Katrina remembrance:** To remember the two-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina the library will also feature a display of photographs documenting the destruction it caused in New Orleans. The photos were taken by New Orleans native Brice Miller and local photographer Chris Jenkins of the Lower 9th Ward almost six weeks after the storm and present a compelling vision of the magnitude of the devastation. In addition, the library will host a Hurricane Katrina retrospective program featuring Brice Miller. Brice will recollect his experiences and thoughts on the hurricane on the night of Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. in the library's meeting room.

For more information about local area events, e-mail [AFRC@columbus.af.mil](mailto:AFRC@columbus.af.mil) or call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.

## Golf Tourney winners



U.S. Air Force Photo

A LSI team made up of (left to right) Murray Woody, John Edens, Bob Le Tourneau and Jerry Hudson, won the Golf Intramural Championship July 24 at the Whispering Pines Golf Course. The Whispering Pines Golf Course offers scrambles every Thursdays at 4:45 p.m. Entry is \$5 per person plus greens fees. All levels of golfers can enjoy this weekly 9-hole tournament. Call 434-7932 for more information.

## Services Labor Day Hours

September 3

Bowling Center ..... 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fitness Center ..... 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Golf Course..... 7 a.m. to dusk

Swimming Pool..... Noon to 7 p.m.

Base Library will be closed Sept. 2.

The Wood Hobby Shop will be closed Sept. 1.

## Nature Trails

Many people are unaware of the opportunity to walk, run, bike or horseback ride along Columbus AFB's Timberlane Nature Trail. Along the trail, various wetlands, trees and countless wildlife can be found. To reach the recreational area, follow Independence Ave. to the runway area. Signs found alongside the dirt road toward SAC Lake offer direction to the beginning of the trails. For more information, call Sarah Fafinski at Ext. 7958.

# Sports Shorts

**Winter bowling leagues:** The bowling center is forming winter bowling leagues with league meetings scheduled for the week of Aug. 19. Register your team at the bowling center pro shop and attend the meeting to decide on officers, league fees and number of weeks in the league. The following leagues will be offered: the Sunday night four-person mixed league, Monday Night men's league, Tuesday night mixed league, Wednesday morning Seniors, Thursday night ladies league and Saturday morning youth league. For more information, call 434-2426.

**No tap bowling tournament:** The bowling center offers this fun tournament at 7 p.m. Aug. 24. Cost is \$10 and includes bowling, prize fund and door prizes. Register by 6:30 p.m. the day of the event. For more information, call 434-2426.

**Club Championship:** The Whispering Pines Golf Course hosts this annual tournament Sept. 1 through 3, Labor Day weekend, to determine the Men's, Ladies and Handicap Champions for the course. Entry is \$45 for greens fee card holders and \$70 for others. Entry includes greens fees for all three days and a barbecue meal following play Saturday and a chicken dinner following play Sunday. Deadline for entering is Aug. 27 at the pro shop. This tournament is stroke play format where you play it down and putt it out during three days of playing 18 holes each day. The field is flighted after the first day of play. For more

information, call 434-7932.

**PGA Championship Pick Tournament:** Pick a professional golfer entered in the PGA championship tournament by 9 a.m. Aug. 11 and combine your score with the score of the pro for a net score for two days of play, Aug. 11 and 12. Entry is \$10 plus greens fees. For more information, call 434-7932.

**Par 3 Golf Tournament:** The Whispering Pines Golf Course will set up the course to make every hole a par 3 for this 18-hole tournament Aug. 18. Entry is \$15 plus greens fees with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. the day of play. Sign up by noon Aug. 17 in the pro shop.

**One Person Scramble:** Here's your chance to have a mulligan on every hole in the One Person 18-hole Scramble scheduled for 8 a.m. Sept. 15. Entry is \$15 plus greens fees. Sign up by noon Sept. 28 in the pro shop. For more information, call 434-7932.

**Commanders Cup Challenge:** This annual tournament offers bragging rights to the Commander whose team wins this challenge. The tournament is scheduled for Sept. 28 starting at 3 p.m. Entry is \$15 plus greens fees. Each team must have the commander, deputy commander or first sergeant on their team. Deadline for entering a team is noon Sept. 27. For more information, call 434-7932.

**Four-Person Mixed Scramble:** Enter this fun 18-hole tournament scheduled to start at 8 a.m. Oct. 13. Entry is \$30 plus greens fees and includes prize fund, tee prizes, door prize entries, beverages and dinner following play. Deadline for sign up is Sept. 12 in the pro shop. For more information, call 434-7932.

**Thursday Golf Scrambles:** The Whispering Pines Golf Course offers these fun scrambles every Thursdays at 4:45 p.m. but you must register by 4 p.m. to

participate. Entry is \$5 per person plus greens fees. All levels of golfers will enjoy this weekly 9-hole tournament. Players are matched according to their playing ability and/or handicap with an A-Player on each team. Call 434-7932 for more information.

**Paintball Tournament:** Get your 5-member team ready for this fun tournament scheduled for 7:30 a.m. Sept. 22 at the Paintball range. Entry fee and prize fund to be announced. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. For more information, call 434-2507.

**Fun Run:** There will be a "Back to School" Fun Run Aug. 24 at 7 a.m. at the Fitness Center. There will also be an Air Force Birthday Fun Run Sept. 21 at 7 a.m. at the Fitness Center. For more information, call 434-2772.

**Fall Soccer Registration:** Register now at the for the Fall Soccer program. Registration continues until Aug. 10 and is open to children ages 3 to 13. Cost is \$35 if registered by Aug. 10 or \$50 if registered after Aug. 10. For more information, call 434-2504.

**Flag Football Registration:** Registration for flag football season begins on Sept. 24. The league is open for children ages 6-12 and the cost is \$25. Flag football season runs from Oct. 22 until Nov. 30. For more information, call 434-2504.

**Fit Factor:** Have Fun, Earn Points, Win Prizes, Get Fit! Youth, ages 6 to 18, are eligible to participate. Teens, ages 13-18, even have their own section. Visit the FitFactor website at afgetfit.com. The youth center offers programs Monday through Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. during the summer and their monthly special FitFactor Sports Day is from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 18. Register for this by Aug. 17. The September FitFactor Sports Day is from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 15. Register by September 14. For more info, call 434-2504.